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Dear Joshua,

Sorry for writing in long-hand, but I have just arrived and am not yet organized here.

I am enclosing the draft of your MS for Methods in Medical Research. I think you have just about hit the right level of detail in most places. I have written in a few changes, simply to suggest the type of wording which would make it clearer reading. My main suggestions are the following ones:

1. Please put the material in uniform form thru the MS. For example, practically every procedure can be divided into: Introduction, Procedure, Modifications or Evaluation.... The main divisions are two: Isolation and Characterization, and Hybridization. Within the first, there are 7 items, or procedures, each with its own title. Each of these has subtitles as needed (Procedure, Evaluation, etc.).
2. Please give all references alphabetically, numbered from 1 on, and refer in text by number only. References where the whole procedure is described can best be given after the title of the procedure (indicated references as * or ^{can}*)
3. Please clarify or omit several strictly general statements (f. ex., page 2, end; page 16). The "Marginal enrichment" technique can be made clear by expanding a little - some of
4. The information in tables 2 and 3 is not correlated with ~~any~~ text material (as f. ex. the concentration of vitamins to use).
5. I think that a brief section (within the first part) concerning isolation of effective from defective mutants (spontaneous or reversions) could be added, with

a statement concerning the complications due to
subvisible growth in minimal medium.

I went into such ~~a detail~~ with suggestions,
even knowing that you had only given me a
first draft, in order to simplify the work. If
possible, conform in the final draft to editor's
recommendations: 1) Reference form (Author, title, vol., page,
issue, year).

2) $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long lines.
3) Tables in separate pages, if possible.

If you can, send me 2 copies of the final draft.

Thank you very much.

When we divide the editorial money, there may
be enough for a beer party for everyone.

Yours,
Luria

Do you think references to the various papers concerned
on specific metabolic pathways would be useful (p.s.)?
Maybe it would overburden the reference list?